

Closing Remarks

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What a great talk, and what a fascinating day we have had! I would like to take just a few minutes to acknowledge some of the many people who have contributed to this meeting today.

I would like to start by acknowledging the five former directors of the National Bureau of Standards and NIST who were here today. Arati Prabhakar, who was here with us this morning, had to leave early, so she is not currently present. But, I would like to acknowledge again Lewis Branscomb—and the three others who are here now—Ernest Ambler, John Lyons—it's good to see John here—and Ray Kammer. Thank you very much for being with us today to celebrate our centennial.

I would also like to thank all of our speakers. I can't remember a meeting that I have attended where the quality of the talks has been so high, and where the presentations have been so thoughtful and thought provoking as we have had from our speakers today. I would like to thank all of them.

I would also like to thank all the people who participated in the panel discussion of the U.S. National Standards Strategy, as well as all of you who have shared the day with us today, and participated in the meeting in one way or another. Let's give ourselves a round of applause.

As I mentioned this morning, I really do want to thank Belinda Collins for putting together an excellent and stimulating program. I'm sure that any of you who put together a meeting like this know how difficult it is, and I think she did a fantastic job. Thank you, Belinda.

And last, but not least, there are a tremendous number of details that someone has to attend to make a meeting like this a success, and Mary Jo DiBernardo was the person who attended to all these details in a truly outstanding fashion, and I would like to thank Mary Jo for all her efforts.